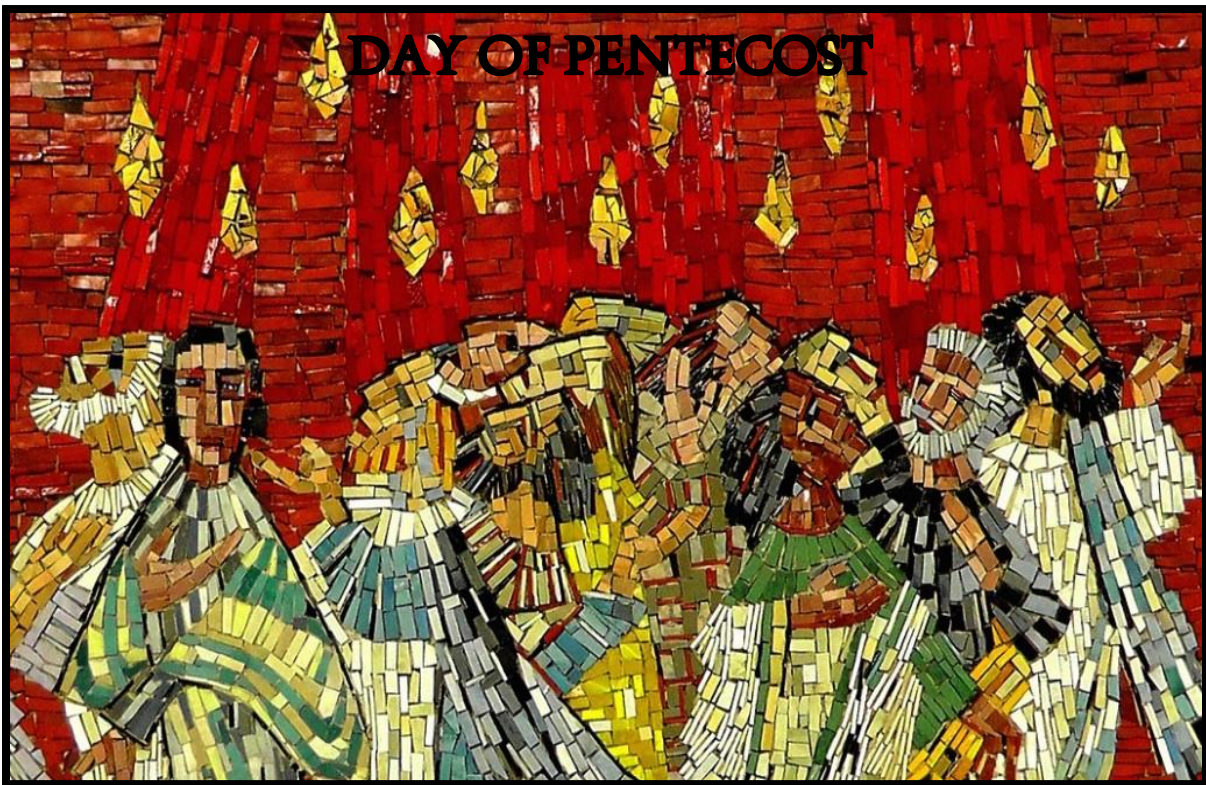


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

May 31, 2020



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"Power to Live a Kingdom Lifestyle!"

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birth of the universal Church. It is a great day to get involved in the life of the Kingdom. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that there is supernatural power available to us in order to accomplish super things in the natural.

The promise of the Holy Spirit was made by Jesus to his disciples who would need that power to carry out the mission of making disciples and ushering in a new way of life. This power is Divine. It comes from Divinity. It inhabits Dust. It is Demanding. It helps us in Discipleship. It is Demonstrative. It is like Dynamite. It cannot be contained but must be Discharged and Disseminated. With this Divine power we really have something and therefore there are really no legitimate excuses for us to use as to why we are not living the kingdom lifestyle. Here's why.

We have the power to change our lives. We have the power to make a difference. We have the power to call things into existence. We have the power to bind and loose things on earth. We have the power to create a new world. We have the power to end gun violence. We have the power to heal our world. We have the power to reconcile families together. We have the power to bring joy, love, peace, and prosperity to our world. We have the power to change hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. We have the power to bring peace to stormy situations. We have the power to persevere, hang on in there, and be victorious in life no matter what we are going through that we are ultimately growing through.

The Rev. Roland Rolheiser wrote an article called the "Ten Commandments for the Long Haul" --- Ten Commandments for facing life over a long period. Here they are:

1. Be grateful: Never look a gift universe in the mouth.
2. Don't be naïve about God. He will not settle for less than everything.
3. Walk forward when possible. When it feels impossible, try putting one foot in front of the other.
4. Pray that God will hang onto you.
5. Love. Put love first in your life. If a life is large enough for love, it is large enough.
6. Accept what you are ---and don't be afraid to be who you are.
7. Refuse to take yourself too seriously; laugh at yourself regularly.
8. Don't be afraid to be softhearted. Redemption lies in tears.
9. Stay with the folks. Remember—you are on a group outing.
10. Don't mummify. Stay alive and alert, and celebrate life.

Because you are filled with the Holy Ghost you can live these Ten Commandments and live the kingdom life. Be blessed and have a great week!

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DAY OF PENTECOST

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.
www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR MAY: "Revolutionary Patience"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: RED

Scripture for the month:

"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not get weary. They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Acts 2:1-13

see video, or page 4

Psalms of Praise

Psalms 104:24-35

see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"Don't Blame it on the Alcohol"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction



66th Church Anniversary
Pledge Drive



Thank you, to all who have given and continue to give sacrificially, during this challenging time.

Morning Scripture

Acts 2:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

² ***And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.***

³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

⁴ ***And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

⁶ ***And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.***

⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?”

⁸ ***And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?***

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ ***Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,***

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

¹² ***So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”***

¹³ ***Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (5/24/20)	86 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	31 (callers)
Sunday School	12 (callers)
Prayer Group	9 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM= 12 PM=7)	19 (callers)
TOTAL	157

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 104:24-35

(R) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
***In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.***

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
***creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.***

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.

²⁷ ***These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.***

²⁸ When you give to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure for ever,
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

³² ***who looks on the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!***

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to the LORD
in whom I rejoice.

³⁵ ***Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!***

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Praise the LORD!

(R) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for **Apple**, or **Google**) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply **send a text to our DEDICATED text number, 1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!
- **Sunday School's Returned!** 9 am, Sunday mornings. Join us! Call **1-605-475-4000**; code **260259#**
- **Wesley's Support Call** – Our weekly support call has ended, unfortunately. However, should anyone feel challenged during this time or feel you need assistance, help is available. Click [here](#) or call **(312) 563-0445** for assistance through NAMI.ORG.
- **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive!** We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: **Contractor @ \$750**; **Bricklayer @ \$500**, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is **\$60,000**.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lethell Magee	June 2 nd	Hildegarde Burress	June 23 rd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th	Geraldine Griffin	June 25 th
Cheryl Cecil	June 7 th	Tondalaya Lloyd	June 25 th
Dwayne Cecil	June 8 th	Gloria Washington	June 29 th
Joshua Helm	June 10 th	Angela Curtis	June 30 th
Steve Smith	June 22 nd	Sydni-Anne Pearson	June 30 th

PRAYER LIST

Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Gerald (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)
<u>GENERAL</u>	
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Gregory Simms
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Brittany Porter
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller
*B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Kathy Jenkins
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson
Katherine Evans	Jerry Simmons
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton
Mae Gilliams Fizer and Family	Aiden Combs
Robert A. Watkins	Michael Miller
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Angel Acosta
James Taylor	Anna Young
Carl Frazier	Dorothy Williams
The Baker Family	Lois Tucker
Belinda Starks	David Williams
Katherine Thompson	Owen McPherson
Larry Clark and Family	James Williams

Sunday Morning

Health Corner

Mental Health & YOU

Mental health is one of the biggest health issues facing Americans. **Did you know? Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. - 43.8 million - experiences mental illness in a given year.**

Warning Signs of a Mental Health Problem

- Loss of interest or feeling 'low'
- Doing ordinary things gets harder
- Taking more dangerous risks
- Withdrawal or feeling overwhelmed
- Using alcohol or drugs to escape
- Changes in sleeping and eating

Tips to Maintain a Good Health

- Exercise regularly, eat well and have adequate sleep
- Explore relaxation and coping strategies
- Catch up with friends and loved ones
- Make time to do things you enjoy
- Take time off from work and daily stresses

Continue the conversation with us on social media!



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Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

JUNE 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service
* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1	2	3 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 495 087 043#	4 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	5	6
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Social Commentary

How Strange It Is To Call Religious Gatherings 'Non-Essential' During A Deadly Pandemic

by Laura Washington



'You know, how Pritzker, the governor, said that worship was not essential, that's what I read,' Jennifer Garcia said. "It really got to me." On Thursday, I sat at my laptop, making a virtual guest speaker appearance at National Louis University. I had accepted the school's kind invitation to share my expertise on the political, social and community issues I cover. The 73 students asked me questions via Zoom. Jennifer Maria García, a 21-year-old junior majoring in business administration, had a wise inquiry. How can visiting your God, in-person, be considered "non-essential?"

I have been a staunch supporter of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's "stay-at-home" executive orders. I have covered daily press conferences where, again and again, Pritzker and myriad experts explain the risks of "congregant settings," ripe targets for the plague of COVID-19. So, I prattled on to her about how Pritzker's policies are aimed at keeping us safe and alive. In Phase 2, non-essential businesses and institutions prohibit group gatherings of more than 10 people. Churches are "congregant" locations where people might gather in large numbers, creating unacceptable risks of passing on the deadly virus. The state restrictions are guided by science, data and the lessons of past pandemics. Blah, blah, blah.

That "non-essential" label "touched me," Jennifer replied. "I'm religious, but not extremely religious. But I can imagine how a religious person felt when they heard that." No matter the depth of your faith, it should never be called "non-essential." It's a cold, clinical adjective that comes from medicine and science. The term "non-essential" denies our existential need to gather for worship. It sends the message, intended or not, that God is on hold. That worship is expendable. Willie Wilson has called on Pritzker to amend his stay-at-home order to recognize the places of worship as an "essential business." "The church is the foundation of our soul, people need hope in these challenging times, and the church offers that hope," the prominent Chicago businessman and philanthropist said last week. "If big box stores and grocery stores such as Pete's, Target, Home Depot and Jewel have the right to welcome more than 10 customers, so do churches, as they, too, are 'essential' for our spiritual well-being." And liquor stores. We can make runs for beer and booze all day long. We can stir ourselves an icy martini and sip a pink cosmo. Yet for Roman Catholics like me, a sip of sacred wine from a Communion chalice is off limits.

"I'm like, does this show that the government is not being fair?" Jennifer asked. "Are liquors more essential than worship?" No, they are not. Jennifer, I wish to God I had a better answer.

Little Known Black History Fact

Judge Matthew Perry

By D. L. Chandler



Matthew James Perry, Jr. first made history by becoming the first federally-appointed judge from the Deep South in 1976. Three years later, he was appointed South Carolina’s first African-American federal judge. Perry was born August 3, 1921, although some records and accounts show August 4 as his birthday. Perry was raised in Columbia, S.C., and attended what is now known as South Carolina State University. After serving in the Army during World War II, Perry completed his studies at the college and earned his undergraduate and law degrees in 1948 and 1951 respectively.

Perry then opened a practice in the town of Spartanburg, taking on the first of his many civil rights cases in 1956. Perry represented Sarah Mae Flemming in the case of “Flemming v. South Carolina Electric and Gas Co.,” a lawsuit brought by Perry after Ms. Flemming was struck by a bus driver for not moving to the back of a bus in South Carolina. In 1961, Perry was named the State Counsel for the South Carolina Conference of the NAACP. In his time there, Perry was part of the legal team that oversaw the integration of Clemson University in 1963 after student Harvey Gantt was denied entry into the school.

Perry’s work was focused on the racial integration of his home state at almost every level including schools, workplaces and hospitals. Perry tried over 6,000 cases and his work led to the release of 7,000 people who were arrested for protesting the stiff Jim Crow laws in the state.

In 1976, Perry was named to serve on the bench for the U.S. Military Court of Appeals. In 1979, he was named as a federal district judge for the U.S. District Court of South Carolina. In 2004, the U.S. Courthouse in Columbia was named after Perry behind the efforts of South Carolina congressman James Clyburn. This was one of several awards given to Perry, which also include being named South Carolinian of the Year, the Thurgood Marshall Award, and the Order of the Palmetto, among others.

Judge Perry passed in July 2011.

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Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Code: 672500#

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

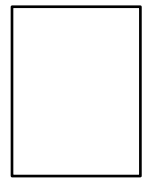
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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!** We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "*Building for the Future.*" Program details will be shared periodically via email. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of May 31st – June 6th

May 31

2 Samuel 17:1-29

John 19:23-42

Psalms 119:129-152

Proverbs 16:12-13

June 1

2 Samuel 18:1-19:10

John 20:1-31

Psalms 119:153-176

Proverbs 16:14-15

June 2

2 Samuel 19:11-20:13

John 21:1-25

Psalms 120:1-7

Proverbs 16:16-17

2020 Vision:

"The Year of the Child"

(Matthew 19:14)

June 6

1 Kings 1:1-53

Acts 4:1-37

Psalms 124:1-8

Proverbs 16:24

June 3

2 Samuel 20:14-21:22

Acts 1:1-26

Psalms 121:1-8

Proverbs 16:18

June 4

2 Samuel 22:1-23:23

Acts 2:1-47

Psalms 122:1-9

Proverbs 16:19-20

June 5

2 Samuel 23:24-24:25

Acts 3:1-26

Psalms 123:1-4

Proverbs 16:21-23